

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD MARCH 9, 2004, 6:00 P.M., AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: EDWARD SULLIVAN, THOMAS VILLACRES, KAREN ZINK, ROBERT BELMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, PATRICIA HEALY, CHAIRMAN, DANA REINBOLDT, AND ROBERT HUNT, AND JEAN S. MURRAY, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Mr. Hunt

Second: Mr. Sullivan

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda items 6A, 6B, and 6C:

To discuss student matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (2);

To discuss personnel matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (1); To discuss possible land acquisition, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (3).

Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Villacres, Ms. Zink, Mr. Belman, Ms. Reinboldt, Mr. Hunt, and Ms. Healy. Motion carried unanimously.

7:30 p.m.

The School Board reconvened into open session.

Certification of Closed Meeting

Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Motion: Mr. Hunt

Second: Ms. Reinboldt

Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Villacres, Ms. Zink, Mr. Belman, Ms. Reinboldt, Mr. Hunt, and Ms. Healy. Motion carried unanimously.

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MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO WORK WITH COUNSEL TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE HEARING OFFICER DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2004. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION MADE BY MR. SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE

MR. SULLIVAN, MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Special Presentations

Bonny Wilson and Tom Smith summarized the findings of the VASS Special Education Program Review Study. Dave Balz and Doug Storer of Haskell/Hess P3 updated the School Board concerning Margaret Brent Elementary School, High School 2005, and Elementary School 2005.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Marilyn Rainville commented on lyrics of songs played at school dances. Susan Joseph, Hannah Metheny, Ryan Rainville, and Ian Joseph addressed the Board concerning publication of club pictures in school yearbooks. Philip Edwards commented on the school budget and salaries and the possibility of developing a four-year plan for budgeting purposes. Lucy Burns commented on the "Adopt-A-Classroom" program. Mark Howard commented on legibility of School Board packets downloaded from the internet and the new start time for School Board meetings. Tammi Burkhardt commented on a recent Letter to the Editor from a county teacher. Wendy Sherman addressed water issues at Hartwood Elementary School.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD **Student Matters - Discipline Committee**

Earlier this evening, a committee of the Board met to consider student disciplinary matters. In action taken, the committee voted unanimously to:

- * Suspend Student "A" for three days out of school;
- * Suspend Student "B" the remainder of the 2003-04 school year and authorize the student to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program;

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- * Suspend Student "C" 15 days out of school;
- * Suspend Student "D" the remainder of the 2003-04 school year and authorize the student to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program; and
- * Suspend Student "E" the remainder of the 2003-04 school year and authorize the student to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.

Committee Reports (None)

Comments

Mr. Sullivan noted that he would be chairing the Commonwealth Governor's School Board. Mr. Villacres thanked the schools' staffs for the extra work involved in SOL testing and for their commitment to successful testing. Mr. Belman thanked the schools for the many gifts received during School Board Appreciation Month. He also stated that he participated in a PPEA Partnership panel at Mary Washington College. Ms. Reinboldt stated that she had participated in an 8th grade Advanced English class at Stafford Middle School discussing "What Do School Boards Do?" Ms. Healy welcomed Mr. Sullivan's return from surgery. Ms. Healy commended those students who addressed the School Board during Citizens' Comments and for exercising their right of freedom of speech. Ms. Healy reminded members of the upcoming Senior Citizens' Prom on March 13 at North Stafford High School.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT **Comments**

Dr. Murray noted that the SOL writing test for grades 3, 5, 8, and 11 would be held March 10. She also reminded members of the Job Fair on March 13 at Colonial Forge High School. Dr. Murray

announced that four teams of Stafford students will be competing in the State Odyssey of the Mind competition.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY MR. VILLACRES THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Minutes of the February 24, 2004 Meeting
- B. Personnel - Resignations and Appointments
- C. Overnight Field Trip Request
- D. Approval of Contract - Update HVAC - Ferry Farm Elementary
- E. Business Lab/Equipment Upgrade
- F. Award of Contract - Portrait and Picture Services

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- G. Furniture/Equipment Purchases: Margaret Brent Elementary School
- H. Renewal of Contracts for Furniture and Equipment Purchases
- I. Renewal of Contracts: Lockers Bid #827012

Dr. Murray noted the retirement of Mike Trant, Principal at Thompson Middle School, Alix Smith, Supervisor of Gifted Education, and Jim Schaffer, Clerk of the Works.

ACTION ITEMS

Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 1-38

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAW 1-38, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 1-38.2

MOTION MADE BY MR. SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY MR. HUNT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAW 1-38.2, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PPEA Comprehensive Agreement with Haskell P3

MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD DELAY ACTION ON THE PPEA COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT WITH HASKELL P3 UNTIL ON OR ABOUT MAY 1, 2004. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Revised VPSEA Application and Resolution - Spring Bond Sale

MOTION MADE BY MR. SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE VPSEA FOR THE SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$25,300,000 TO FINANCE SCHOOL PROJECTS, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution to Request Full Funding of Standards of Quality

MOTION MADE BY MR. VILLACRES AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FULLY FUND THE STANDARDS OF QUALITY.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. REINOLDT THAT THE RESOLUTION BE AMENDED TO REFLECT DELETION OF THE THIRD AND FOURTH PARAGRAPHS OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION WAS MR. BELMAN AND MS. REINOLDT; VOTING IN OPPOSITION WAS MR. SULLIVAN, MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. BY A VOTE OF 2-5, THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED.

VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Northeast Middle School/Overcrowding Remediation Options

The School Board requested that a work session be scheduled to discuss ways to cope with overcrowding and to provide direction to staff to develop ways to implement changes. It was also the consensus of the School Board to encourage parental input in the process.

Hartwood Elementary School Water Update

The School Board received information on the history of the water issues at Hartwood Elementary School.

MOTION MADE BY MS. ZINK AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD FORMALLY REQUESTS THAT STAFFORD COUNTY RUN WATER TO HARTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.